

*"May Peace and Happiness
reign in your home
during the year 2006 and always"*



*"Que la Paz y la Felicidad reínen en sus hogares
en el Año 2006 y por siempre"*

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My dearest friends and residents of District 12

First of all, I would like to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year! We are about to start a new year and with it, many projects and great events for the community.

In 2005 we worked really hard to bring the best to our schools, senior centers, cities and to each resident in District 12. As the school year began and with the participation of school authorities, we distributed school supplies for underprivileged children within our District. We also awarded those students who had major improvements in their grades and behavior with certificates, bicycles and safety helmets. During Thanksgiving we distributed complete Thanksgiving meals to 300 families within our community. For our seniors or "abuelitos", as we like to call them affectionally, we were able to donate buses, televisions, wheelchairs to some of the senior centers within District 12. One of the events that our "abuelitos" really enjoy is our annual "Christmas Party", where they mingle and dance the day away with actors and actresses from popular "telenovelas."

We kept the community informed about the Town Hall meetings held in conjunction with other County Departments. Also, for the third year in a row, the Mom & Pop grants were distributed to help out small businesses in District 12.

In terms of legislation, we approved an ordinance for the protection of our children: the Sexual Predator Ordinance, which now prevents sexual predators from being at parks and schools.

Unfortunately, this year we also had to experience the consequences of two hurricanes that came through South Florida. First, it was Katrina, which will have its place in history books for all the devastation it caused in the Gulf States. Thanks to the assistance of the Cities in our District, the School Board and volunteers, we were able to take much-needed supplies to that region. Hurricane Wilma left behind even more devastation, causing major power outages in our community and leaving many people homeless.

We were able to respond immediately to the needs of our residents by distributing water, ice, hot meals, blue tarps and other supplies.

Working together with

FEMA, we were able to place a disaster recovery center in the City of Sweetwater. The center provided information and gave residents the chance to file and speak face to face with FEMA officials on their individual claims.

Every event and project accomplished is only a part of the many things we do for the betterment of our community, including waste removal, permit issuance and other services provided by County agencies. As your Commissioner, I vow to continue to be committed to doing everything in my power to bring all the assistance necessary and to make our District a much better place to live, play and work in the upcoming year.

Once again and on behalf of my whole team, I would like to express my deepest and most sincere wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Your friend and
Commissioner,

Jose "Pepe" Diaz



Commissioner Diaz unloading supplies for the residents of the Jones Fishcamp after Hurricane Wilma left them without power and water.



Supplies and backpacks that Commissioner Diaz gave out at his Annual Backpack Giveaway.



Commissioner Diaz presents this lucky student with a backpack filled with school supplies at his Annual Backpack Giveaway event.



Commissioner Diaz and volunteers collect canned goods for the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma.



Commissioner Diaz presents new bicycle and safety helmet to a student from Doral Academy Charter Elementary for his hard work and good grades.



Families are all smiles after receiving their Thanksgiving voucher from Commissioner Diaz.



After delivering the much needed hurricane supplies in Mississippi, Commissioner Diaz stops to take a picture with other commissioners and volunteers.



Commissioner Diaz joins elected officials from the City of Doral for the ground breaking ceremony at Doral Meadows Park.



Commissioner Diaz rewards students from Marjory Stoneman Elementary School with new bicycles and safety helmets for their hard work and good grades.



Commissioner Diaz addresses the constituents' concerns at the District 12 transit service improvements Town Hall meeting.



Commissioner Diaz donates a bus to Sweetwater Senior Center.



Commissioner Diaz unveils street sign for Rene Robaina.



Commissioner Diaz at the ribbon cutting ceremony for a new traffic signal in Hialeah Gardens.

El 2005, fue un año en el cual trabajamos arduamente para llevar lo mejor de nosotros a nuestras escuelas, centros de ancianos, ciudades o municipios y a todos nuestros residentes del Distrito 12. Al comenzar el año escolar llevamos los útiles escolares para los niños menos privilegiados de nuestras escuelas con la participación de las autoridades escolares. También reconocimos a los estudiantes que mejoraron tanto en sus calificaciones como en su comportamiento con certificados, bicicletas y

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cascos de seguridad a los ganadores. Para las celebraciones del Día de Acción de Gracias, o "Thanksgiving," como se le conoce popularmente en inglés, se realizó la entrega de comidas a 300 familias de nuestra comunidad. Para nuestras personas mayores o "abuelitos," como nos gusta llamarlos cariñosamente, hicimos donaciones de autobuses, televisores y sillas de ruedas a los centros para las personas de la tercera edad dentro del Distrito 12. Uno de los eventos que nuestros abuelitos más disfrutan es nuestra "Fiesta de Navidad" anual, en donde ellos bailan con actores y actrices de populares telenovelas.

A la comunidad le mantuvimos informada sobre las Reuniones Comunitarias, las cuales se llevan a cabo con la participación de otros Departamentos del Condado. También, y por tercer año consecutivo, se entregó ayuda a los pequeños negocios a través del programa de "Mom & Pop."

En la parte legislativa, se aprobó la ordenanza para la protección de nuestros niños de depredadores sexuales, siendo así posible las restricciones para estas personas a parques y escuelas.

Lamentablemente, este año nos toco vivir muy de cerca las consecuencias del paso de dos Huracanes que pasaron por el Sur de la Florida. Primero fue Katrina el cual tendrá un lugar en los libros de historia por la inmensa devastación en los Estados de la Costa del Golfo. En esa ocasión y gracias a la colaboración de las ciudades dentro de nuestro Distrito, la Junta Escolar y otros voluntarios, pudimos llevar ayuda a esa región. El huracán Wilma dejó aún más daños, causando numerosos apagones en nuestra comunidad y dejando a muchas personas sin viviendas. Inmediatamente proporcionamos agua, hielo, comidas caliente, carpas azules y otra ayuda necesaria para todas aquellas personas necesitadas. Trabajando en conjunto con FEMA, pudimos poner un centro de recuperación en la Ciudad de Sweetwater. El centro suministró

toda la información necesaria y le ofreció la oportunidad a todos los residentes del Distrito 12 a charlar cara a cara con representantes de FEMA sobre sus reclamos individuales.

Todo evento y proyecto completado es tan sólo una parte de las muchas cosas que hacemos para el beneficio de nuestra comunidad, así como la recolecta de basura, permisos y otros servicios a través de las agencias del condado. Como su Comisionado, hago un compromiso para continuar trabajando y haciendo todo lo que sea necesario para llevar a la comunidad toda la ayuda necesaria y hacer de nuestro distrito un mejor lugar en donde podamos vivir, trabajar y disfrutar en este año venidero.

Nuevamente quisiera expresar en compañía de todo mi equipo de trabajo, mis más sinceros deseos para que tengan un ¡Feliz y Próspero Año Nuevo!

Su amigo y Comisionado,
José "Pepe" Díaz





*Commissioner Diaz
wishes you a joyous
2006 year*



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